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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| ADDRESS TO: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application No. | 09/771,526 |
| | Filing Date | January 29, 2001 |
| | First Named Inventor | Dobrounig |
| | Group Art Unit | 3711 |
| | Examiner Name | S. Wong |
| | Attorney Docket No. | ADI-020C1 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTES

RCE v. CPA: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

FEE AND SUBMISSION REQUIRED: A submission as used in this section includes, but is not limited to, an information disclosure statement, an amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings, new arguments, or new evidence in support of patentability. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of § 1.111 (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (c)).

RCE APPLIES TO: An application in which prosecution is closed (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)).

RCE DOES NOT APPLY TO: (1) A provisional application; (2) an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (4) an application for a design patent; or (5) a patent under reexamination (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114(e)).

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Enter and consider the unentered amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
- b. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- c. ☒ Amendment/Response enclosed.
- d. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) enclosed.
- e. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) enclosed.
 - i. ☐ PTO-1449
 - ii. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- f. ☐ Other _____

2. RCE FEE REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Small entity status
 - i. ☐ was established in the prior nonprovisional application.
 - ii. ☐ is established herewith by the enclosed written assertion of entitlement to small entity status.
- b. ☐ A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time for _____ months up to and including _____ is enclosed herewith.
- c. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$790.00** is enclosed.
- d. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), i.e., \$_____, to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.
- e. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees required for this submission under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

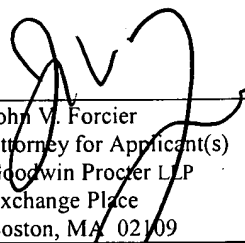
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- a. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard enclosed.
b. ☐ Other

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| <p>Direct all correspondence to: Patent Administrator Goodwin Procter LLP Exchange Place Boston, MA 02109 Tel. No.: (617) 570-1000 Fax No.: (617) 523-1231 Customer No. 051414</p> | <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>  <p>Date: June 13, 2005 Reg. No. 42,545 Tel. No.: (617) 570-1607 Fax No.: (617) 523-1231</p> <p>John V. Forcier Attorney for Applicant(s) Goodwin Procter LLP Exchange Place Boston, MA 02109</p> |

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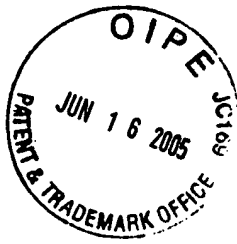
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Submitted herewith is/are:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form (2 pgs.);
2. a check in the amount of \$790.00;
3. Amendment and Response (11 pgs.); and
4. Return receipt postcard



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted as a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and in response to a pending final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 14, 2005.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.